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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF POSTMASTER GENERAL

REF: A. STATE 147612; B. MOSCOW 9370; C. STATE 156174

1. FOLLOWING LETTER ABOUT PROPOSED TRIP JUST RECEIVED
FROM MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS:

(BEGIN TEXT) AS YOU PROBABLY KNOW MR. PSURZEV THE MINISTER
OF POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATION OF THE USSR INVITED THE
POSTMASTER GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES TO VISIT THE SOVIET
UNION IN AUGUST 1973 THIS PERIOD BEING CONVENIENT FOR US.

THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER IS VERY INCONVENIENT FROM OUR
POINT OF VIEW BECAUSE THERE ARE MANY PLANNED ARRANGEMENTS
AND WE WOULD BE UNABLE TO GIVE DUE ATTENTION TO THIS VISIT.

AS THE POSTMASTER GENERAL IN VIEW OF HIS COMMITMENTS
WILL NOT BE ABLE TO COME IN SEPTEMBER, AND THAT LATER
PERIOD IS INCONVENIENT FOR CLIMATIC CONDITIONS, WE WOULD
SUGGEST THE VISIT OF THE USA DELEGATION BE POSTPONED UNTIL
THE SPRING OF 1974.

WE HOPE THAT AT THAT TIME THE STATE OF AFFAIRS
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WOULD PERMIT THE POSTMASTER GENERAL TO HEAD THE USA

DELEGATION AND WE WILL BE VERY PLEASED TO WELCOME HIM,
MRS. KLASSEN AND HIS PARTY IN MOSCOW. (CONCLUDE TEXT)

2. EMBASSY COMMENT: APART FROM MINOR GRAMMATICAL AND
SYNTACTICAL PROBLEMS IN CORRESPONDING IN ENGLISH, SOVIETS
CLEARLY ARE NOT ANXIOUS TO RECEIVE DELEGATION WITHOUT
POSTMASTER GENERAL. SINCE INFORMATION PARA 4 OF REFTE A
CAREFULLY EXPLAINED TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS DEPARTMENT
CHIEF OF MINCOMMUNICATIONS, IURIY SAVITSKY, ON TWO
OCCASIONS, MISUNDERSTANDING UNLIKELY. IN TELECON WITH
EMBOFF THIS MORING, SAVITSKY TOOK GREAT PAINS TO
EMPHASIZE THAT ONCE AGAIN MINCOMMUNICATIONS PSURTSEV STILL
LOOKING FORWARD TO OPPORTUNITY ACT AS HOST TO POSTMASTER
GENERAL AT A LATER DATE.
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